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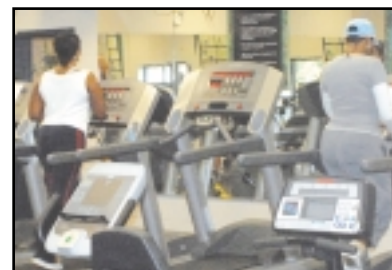
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Courtney Richmond

Sgt. 1st Class Terry Brickhouse, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery, kisses his son Lueseon, 5, at the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield welcome home ceremony held for 2nd Brigade Combat Team's Torch Party, June 26 at Cottrell Field. See story on Page 10A.

New Marne Chaplain assumes stole duties

Randy Berube
Public Affairs Specialist

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bryan Walker became the 3rd Infantry Division chaplain as Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harlon Triplett relinquished his position during a Changing of the Stole ceremony, June 24 at the Main Post Chapel.

The stole that was passed identifies the

wearer as a special staff officer to the commanding general as the division chaplain. The duty of the division chaplain is to advise the commanding general on matters of religion, morals and morale.

Opening the ceremony, Chaplain (Maj.) Randy Edwards, deputy division chaplain, gave a scripture reading, and Chaplain (Col.) Mike Tarvin, Forces Command chaplain, read a meditation, prior to the passing of the stole.

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Covenant adds emphasis to adult education, more

Randy Murray
Public Affairs Specialist

Reading, writing and mathematical skills are the basic building blocks for learning more, in-depth knowledge.

Because some Soldiers and Family members have academic weaknesses in these basic skills, Fort Stewart's Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center offers several programs to help, including Functional Academic Skills Training (Soldiers only), General Education Development diploma classes and English as a Second Language classes.

Although the Army Family Covenant has not generated additional funds for the Education Center, Education Officer Pam King said the Covenant has allowed them to emphasize basic skills and expand access to adult education programs.

She described FAST, GED and ESL as "stepping stones to higher learning," which she hopes would encourage an "interest in life-long learning." She added that these programs are primarily for Soldiers and their Families, but most classes at the Ed Center are open to the community, particularly since GED and ESL classes are taught by Savannah Technical College instructors.

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Enjoy Soldier - Family Day fun

Sgt. Tanya Polk
Editor

The 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield thanks you - Soldiers and Families - and to show their appreciation, you are invited to this year's Soldier-Family Appreciation celebration, today and

tomorrow. Enjoy free carnival rides at Walker Field from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., today. Additionally, Corkan Family Fun Center opens all of its Family-fun activities, free. Tomorrow, enjoy everything from a picnic in the park to a variety of interactive activities, free food, live entertainment and, of course, fireworks. **See Page 4A for details.**

2BCT security team finishes 200th mission

Sgt. David Turner
2nd BCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq - On a hot, dusty Monday morning at FOB Kalsu, Soldiers gathered by a row of humvees outside the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division Brigade Troops Battalion headquarters prior to their last mission.

First Lieutenant Matthew Shoop, 2-3

See 200th

BTB Battalion security detachment officer-in-charge, gathered his Soldiers plus a few civilians into a huddle, prior to their mission to escort several members of the Baghdad-7 embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team to FOB Mahmudiyah.

The battalion security detachment performed over 200 missions together and covered about 14,000 miles during this deployment.

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IMCOM-SE region announces 2008 Soldier-NCO of the Year

Sgt. Tanya Polk
Editor

After evaluating four Soldiers who underwent 72 hours of grueling mental and physical combat tasks amidst temperatures high above 90 degrees, the Installation Management Command

Southeast Region announced its 2008 Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year here at Club Stewart, June 26.

Hailing from Fort Benning, Ga., Pvt. Jarred Palmer and Sgt. Kevin Miller will represent the region and advance to the IMCOM-level competition slated to be held at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. later this month.

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1/41 FA changes command



Pvt. Jared Eastman

Outgoing commander of the 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment, Col. Noel Nicolle, salutes Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch and incoming commander Lt. Col. Joel Hamilton at the 1/41 Change of Command ceremony held at Cottrell Field, Wednesday. Hamilton's most recent assignment was at the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command / Army Strategic Forces Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., where he served as a strategic planner and Chief, Integrated Missile Defense Branch. See related stories on Page 10A.

Marne 6 Sends

Soldiers, Families earn nation's debt of gratitude

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch
3rd Inf. Div. commanding general

Dog face Soldiers and Families, today and tomorrow Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield and our local communities will host Soldier-Family Appreciation celebration at Walker and Donovan fields for those Soldiers and Families that are already here or have returned from Iraq. This is appropriate as our military Families are truly the ones winning this war through their love and support.

As we pay tribute to the military Families who serve during times of war and peace, remember their indispensable place in providing stability and freedom to our free society. Families pass along traditions and principles that help make America compassionate, decent, and hopeful.

This weekend we honor Families and recognize their contributions to keeping

our country strong.

Families serve as an anchor of values and virtues in today's fast-changing world. They instill responsibility and character in our children and teach them the ideals that make us a great nation.

Through their love and sacrifice, America's parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and other Family members help prepare our young people to realize the bright future America offers each child.

We extend our appreciation and support to our courageous military Families, who have borne the hardships of war with dignity and devotion. Our nation has remained strong and free because the brave men and women of our mili-



tary defend this country and our beliefs. By supporting their loved ones in uniform, our Military Families are also serving our country, and America is grateful for their service and sacrifice.

Five years of being at war is hard for Soldiers, but we all recognize it is harder for their Families at home.

Sarah and I have spent over 30 years living at military installations, and Fort Stewart is the very best. Our Families do not complain, but band together to support each other. I could not be more proud.

Many of our spouses are committed volunteers. Not only do they face the challenges of raising children and maintaining a household, but they serve the

others in their communities. At Fort Stewart, we are blessed with the very best spouses and community volunteers. These amazing individuals truly are the "Hearts of the Marne."

The spouse support channels at Fort Stewart are the cream of the crop, and it makes me so emotional to hear of all the events they are doing in support of their Soldiers.

I know the only way to get through deployments is through the support of each other.

We honor the commitment Families have made to freedom's cause. Our nation benefits from their dedication, and we are inspired by their courage, strength, and leadership.

Our nation owes a debt of gratitude to every member of the United States military, and to their Families

Rock of the Marne!

Lynch tells story of the Dog Face Soldier

Pat Young
Managing Editor

Third Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, held a luncheon, June 27 at Club Stewart to thank media for helping tell the story of the Dog Face Soldier through their 15-month deployment to Iraq.

Lynch expressed his pride and appreciation of the Marne Soldiers and their Families members whose dedication and

sacrifice helped secure and improve life for the Iraqi people. He said where some people read about history, they helped make it.

During the luncheon, the general explained Task Force Marne had about 20,000 Coalition Soldiers, 27,000 Iraqi army soldiers, and another 47,000 Iraqi police operating in the battle space the size of the state of West Virginia.

"Our job, once we got over there was to block the accelerants of violence into Baghdad, secure the population, and defeat sectarian violence," Lynch said and noted the effort was successful. He said when they first arrived, they were being attacked about 25 times a day, and by the time the 3rd Inf. Div. headquarters left, that rate was less than two times a day.

Lynch said the success of the surge was evident in the reduction of violence, including an 89 percent decrease in total attacks, 100 percent reduction of in-direct fire attacks, an 88 percent reduction in small arms fire, and 79 percent decrease in attacks by improvised explosive devices.

The reduction in violence was notable with a 95 percent decrease in civilian casualties, 91 percent decrease in coalition force casualties, and 79 percent decrease in Iraqi Security Force casualties, according to Lynch. He said while the 3rd Infantry Division was there, the people of Iraq got tired of insurgent intimidation and violence and took actions to prevent it with more than 36,000 signing up as Sons of Iraq to help provide security to their communities.

"The people of Iraq want what we want," Lynch said. "They want freedom from fear. They want to be able to send their kids to school. They want jobs, and they want to be able to go out to the market."

One of the methods to improve the situation in Iraq was the construction of patrol bases. Lynch said in manning those bases, the decision was made to have about 75 percent of the Soldiers live and work in the Iraqi communities. The response was positive. He said when the Iraqi people saw the patrol bases being built; they had two questions: Where the Soldiers going to stay? If so, how could they help? He said with the new sense of security, came an improved cooperation. The shift in attitudes facilitated the transition from combat operations, to capacity building, improving employment, the economy, and government capabilities. An example of the capacity building operations of Task Force Marne was developing more than 3,000 fish farms, improving the flow of water, and contribution to Iraqi's chicken industry.

"We imported 90,000 chicken eggs from Holland," Lynch said. "We brought them into our area, built incubators, so the chickens could hatch, and sent 90,000 chicks to the local poultry farmers, so they could raise chickens and bring them to market."

The Soldiers success, Lynch attributed was due to their dedication, commitment, and belief they were making a difference. He said their commitment was evidenced when the Division achieved their 12-month reenlistment goal in just five months - an unprecedented accomplishment. He noted the Soldiers were able to focus on their missions, because they knew their Families were being taken care of back home.

Although the mission was successful, Lynch said it wasn't without cost, remembering 152 Marne Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the deployment. He said he would not forget their heroic actions, nor those of their brothers and sisters in arms. Lynch said he was continuously moved by the Soldiers, who would come in for memorials, share their emotions, then turn around, put their body armor back on, and continue the mission. Lynch said he was honored to work with the Soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div., and although he was changing command in mid July, would continue to wear the Marne Patch (Combat Patch) on his right shoulder in remembrance of their service together.

Following a question and answer period, Lynch concluded the luncheon but again expressed his gratitude in the support shown to the Dog Face Soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div.



Pat Young

Third Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch speaks to representatives from a variety of media June 27 during a luncheon at Club Stewart. Lynch thanked the media for their effort in telling the story of the Dog Face Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division. He detailed the accomplishments of the Soldiers, and the sacrifices they made with their Family members incurred by the Marne Division's ongoing 15-month deployment.

A moment in Marne history...

3rd Infantry Division trains, heads for North Africa

Sasha McBrayer
Fort Stewart Museum

By July of 1943 the 3rd Infantry Division was planted in the North African Theater.

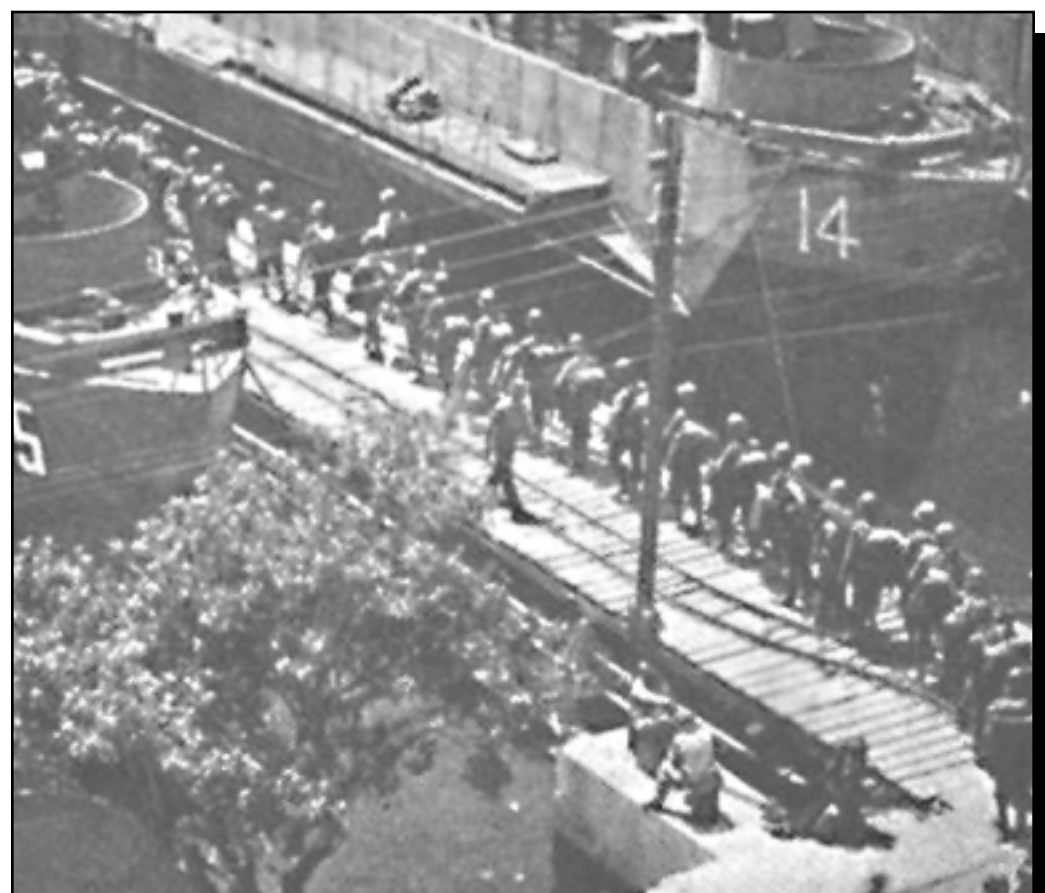
They trained for several weeks as if practicing for the days to come. They were concentrated around Tunisia, the northernmost country in Africa, positioned along the Atlas mountain range, a place of desert sand and Mediterranean coastline. Operation Copybook, the official rehearsal taking Sicily, was said to have been so realistic that many participants were convinced the true action was already unraveling. Still, landing crafts remained on the North African beach the morning after, as proof that the enterprise had only been a serious preparation exercise.

Thankfully, Operation Copybook illuminated little flaws that the Division, along with some Navy counterparts, was able to fix before zero hour. Afterward, special care was taken so that Marne men would achieve proper rest before the culmination of their

plans would occur. Drill hours were cut, time was provided for periods of recreation. However, physical conditioning as whole did continue so that the Division would be prepared to meet the standards that the coming battle would require.

It was a hot day when the tanned members of the Division gathered to stage a review. July 4, 1943 saw many men decorated for their heroic roles during the Fedala landing. Then, General Lucian Truscott, a Dog Face Soldier, who had faced the Germans once before during WWI, gave a speech.

Brief and to the point, Truscott instilled a fighting spirit with his words. He said, "You are going to meet the 'Boche'! Carve your name in his face!" By then, the WWI, French-inspired name for the Germans, 'Boche', had become antiquated. The charge was none-the-less affective, however, and the following morning the 3rd Inf. Div. loaded invasion convoys. D-Day followed. The Division did carve their name into Europe, and eventually the Axis was defeated.



Courtesy photo

Soldiers with the 3rd Inf. Div. load up and head for training in North Africa, July 1943.

3/69 Armor greets new battalion commander



Pvt. Jared Eastman

Lt. Col. Jessie Robinson, in-coming commander, 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, receives the colors from Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, as he assumes command of the unit. Robinson's was coming from his most recent assignment as the Inspector General for the 94th Army and Air Defense Command at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. He assumed the role from the former commander, Lt. Col. Michael E. Silverman who is retiring.

260th Quartermaster Battalion welcomes new commander

Sgt. Tanya Polk
Editor

Soldiers from the 260th Quartermaster Battalion welcomed a new commander at a Change of Command Ceremony here held at Marne Garden, June 27.

The Hunter Army Airfield based unit falls under the command and control of the 3rd Infantry Division's 3rd Sustainment Brigade.

Lt. Col Victor Hagan, who assumed command of the 260th in July 2006 and led the Headquarters Company during a 15-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, relinquished command to Lt. Col. Robert J. Dixon, Jr., with the passing of the colors during the ceremony.

"What a great battalion commander," said 3rd Inf. Div. Commander, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch of Hagan.

Lynch provided remarks on behalf of 3rd SB commander, Col. Darrell Williams, currently deployed to Key West, Iraq. He thanked Hagan for the support his unit provided while deployed and at home station

"I've never met a more caring, concerned, compassionate leader and the kinds of things that this battalion did to support the Hunter Army Airfield community are just absolutely superb."

Hagan's next assignment is with the U.S. Combined Arms Support Command at Fort Lee, Va.

"It's been my honor to be your com-

mander," Hagan said.

Dixon is the former Logistics Plans Officer and Chief of the Operations and Plans Division of the J4 for the U.S. Special Operations Command located at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

"I am overwhelmed with a sense of pride and humility to be afforded the opportunity to command this great bat-talion," said Dixon after assuming com-mand, adding that he is looking forward to the unit's future challenges.

Holding a Bachelor of Arts in History, and a Master of Science in Management, Dixon's military educa-tion includes Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Combined Logistics Officer Advance Course, the Petroleum Officer Course, the Command and General Staff Officers Course and the Joint and Combined War Fighting School.

Dixon's awards and decorations include: Master Parachutist, Air Assault, Pathfinder and Parachute Rigger Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

The 260th QM Battalion is comprised of seven elements: Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 10th Transportation Company, the 473rd Quartermaster Company, the 512th Quartermaster Company, the 172nd Medical Detachment, the 295th Movement Control Team, and the 110th Quartermaster Company.



Sgt. Tanya Polk

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, 3rd Inf. Div. commander, passes the colors to 260th QM incoming commander Lt. Col. Robert J. Dixon, Jr. during a Change of Command Ceremony at Marne Garden, June 27.

Coast Guard Air Station-Savannah gets new commander



Nancy Gould

Cmdr. Donna Cottrell, U.S. Coast Guard, Air Station Savannah, salutes crewmembers after she takes command June 20. Cottrell is assigned to the command for the next two years.

Nancy Gould
Hunter Army Airfield

Commander Donna L. Cottrell assumed command of Coast Guard Air Station Savannah from Cmdr. Anthony "Jack" Vogt, June 20 at a Change of Command ceremony inside the Coast Guard hanger at Hunter Army Airfield.

Rear Admiral Robert Branham, commander of the 7th Coast Guard District, praised Vogt for his two-year tenure at Air Station Savannah and for accomplishments under his command, which include responses to 422 search and rescue calls, protecting over 450 miles of coastline from South Carolina to Florida, logging more than 6,000 flight miles, saving 206 lives and more. Branham said Vogt also supported Air Station Charleston, which was an extra load of responsibility.

"He was a guiding light," said Braham. "He's admired by the Savannah community."

Outgoing Vogt told the new commander, "The responsibility for these crews and their service to our homeland is the highest honor. I know you're ready and eager for the task."

Before relinquishing command, Vogt told the crowd gathered that the new commander was "lucky," and that he wished he could serve Air Station Savannah 'again, and again and again.' But instead, he will move on to his next

assignment in Washington, D.C. for continuing education.

Cottrell told the 200 active crewmen and reservists that they are 'the point of the sphere, where the rubber meets the road' and that they make a profound difference to those around them. She quoted lyrics from a country music song by Kenny Chesney, "don't blink' because one day— sooner than you think— you'll be in charge." Her seasoned career started as a graduate of Ohio University in 1982 and the majority of her experience includes 25 years as a flight instructor; four as an administration and air operations officer and more recently, a project executive of the Coast Guard Academy Task Force. She is the second female to command Air Station Savannah.

Under her charge, Cottrell said she expects to continue Vogt's standard of excellence. She also expects crewmen to remain proactive and leaders to take care of their crews and to know their Families and issues.

In her final remarks, Cottrell thanked her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Jeffery Cottrell, seated beside her during the ceremony, for supporting her career.

Before closing, she referred back to the Kenny Chesney lyrics and the brief two-year command that laid before her and she promised, "don't worry, I won't blink."

Prevent motorbike accidents, ride safely

Special to the Frontline

The majority of motorists consider themselves above-average drivers when it comes to operating a vehicle. No one ever thinks they will be involved in a vehicle crash, but no one is perfect, and that's why it's called an accident.

Motorcycling has become an increasingly popular sport; however, it can be risky. But through proper training and preparation, accidents can be reduced, or at times prevented.

One way Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield leadership is helping minimize this risk is by offering free motorcycle safety courses for all serviemembers, Family members, and civilian employees associated with the 3rd Infantry Division. Basic and intermediate courses are offered at Stewart and Hunter each week.

In order to complete the course, each student must attend each session, pass a written knowledge exam and a riding-skill evaluation. In addition the course offers a state-of-the art motorcycle simulator in building 162, Fort Stewart.

During the classes, students are equipped with the knowledge and basic skills to operate a motorcycle. The class is designed to help reduce the risk associated with driver training, or the lack thereof.

"They (riders) think if they can drive cars they can ride motorcycles," said Hector Eide, motorcycle instructor at Stewart in an August 2007 Frontline interview. "Bottom line, they don't have any training or they have limited training – do not know how to properly corner or turn the motorcycle at speed, how to properly brake or how to properly swerve to avoid an obstacle."

Eide added that the number one cause for crashes with multiple vehicles that include a motorcycle is caused by motorists failing to recognize a motorcyclist and failing to yield to the motorcyclist, often times turning left in front of them.

"We could save an excess of 60 percent of the motorcycles out there if no one ever made a left hand turn," Eide said. In order to help minimize motorcycle accidents and motorcycle fatalities, it is mandatory to successfully complete an approved rider or operator safety course prior to operation of any motorcycle, according to the Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4.

"We have training motorcycles that we use so they don't have to bring their own," Eide said. "In fact, (Major) General (Rick) Lynch wants Soldiers to learn how to ride before they buy. That way they are better equipped to make the best decision when they buy."

In addition to attending the course, motorcyclists also are required to wear proper personal protective equipment. This equipment includes:

- Helmets: Certified to meet Department of Transportation standards and properly fastened under the chin.
- Goggles and Face Shields: Impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to the helmet.
- Sturdy Footwear: Leather boots or over the ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.
- Clothing: Long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle.
- Garment Visibility: A brightly colored upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night.

For those who want to register for a class at Stewart-Hunter go to home.comcast.net/~eide_h/mcsafety.html to download an application or for more information, call 767-7879 or 767-7878 to make an appointment, or go to building number 727 to sign up for a course, or call 767-7425 for instructions.

Editor's note: Information provided by Sgt. 1st Class Tami Hillis, 4th BCT Public Affairs.

Soldier-Family Appreciation

July 3rd Events

Free carnival rides at Walker Field

Carnival rides at Walker Field are free to Soldiers and Family members through July 4. Gates are open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and food vendors are available, pay-as-you-go. Call 767-2841 for more information.

Corkan Family Fun Center events

All operations at Corkan are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and are free to Soldiers and Family members. Call 767-4273 for more information.

Corkan activities include:

- Stewart Lanes bowling
- Water inflatables
- Pool
- Laser tag
- Skating
- 3-D mountain room
- Cypress Creek Adventure Golf
- The Springs Water Spray park

Pay as you go food vendors will be available.

July 4th Events

Petting zoo

From 10 a.m to 2 p.m. at Walker Field, the petting zoo features about 30 animals from all around the world. Hand sanitizer and animal feed will be available.

Picnic in the Park

Open at 10 a.m. and includes MWR blow up activities, climbing wall, wild one OC, turbo slide, gem stone mining, balloon artists, and CYS activities.

Salute to the Nation

This ceremony will be at Cottrell Field from noon to 12:30 p.m. Celebrate this Independence Day with a little history. The Silver Wings Parachute Team will perform during the ceremony. and a 50 Gun Salute will fire to honor our great nation and especially those who make her free.

BMX Stunt Show

Shows are from 10 to 11:45 a.m., noon to 12:45 p.m., 4 to 5 p.m at the Walker Field parking lot. BMX Bike Show team consists of professional athletes from Southern California who tour the world riding BMX bicycles and skateboards.

Dog Frisbee Show

Shows are 11 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. The Disc-Connected K-9's provide Frisbee Dog entertainment around the world performing stunts and tricks.

Ken Shultz Show

Shows are from 11 to 11:45 a.m., and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Ken Schultz, "The Flying Fool," has been dazzling audiences across the United States and Canada for over 20 years. The real magic of Shultz's show is his use of audience participation where he lets the audience become part of the show, guiding them through a ridiculous adventure. He amazes people with stunts of fire-eating, bowling ball juggling, and balancing an 8 ft. table on his chin.

Single-Soldier events at Rocky's

Soldiers are invited to participate in several tournaments, to include video gaming, pool and black jack from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rocky's. Free food will be available and prizes will be awarded. Additionally, there will be Texas Hold 'em demonstrations. Contact Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers at 767-5119 for more information.

Free food

Community vendors offer free food to Soldiers and Family members on Donovan Field West from 3 to 6 p.m.

Fireworks

Enjoy fireworks starting at 10 p.m. on Donovan Field East.

PERFORMERS

* BOYS II MEN * -Donovan Field East 7 p.m.	* KATIE RAY DAVIS * -National Anthem 5:25 p.m. -Donovan Field East 6 p.m.	* VIRGIN ISLANDS MILITARY BAND * -Donovan Field West 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.	*Times are subject to change. For more information, call MWR at 767-2841.
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Marne Voices

Speak Out

Do you have a message for returning Soldiers?


"Best of luck coming home. I would like to congratulate new fathers."

Sgt. Clifford Gordon
HHC, 1-3 BTB




"Job well done. You may want to car pool if possible."


Spc. Joshua Fowler
703rd BSB



"Enjoy time off, be safe, and enjoy time with your Family."


Staff Sgt. Joseph Wilbanks
3/7 Infantry






"Home sweet home is where our heroes belong."

Charles Homes
Contractor



"Welcome home Derrick and the rest of the 1/30th Infantry. We missed you. Job well done."

Leeann Lucarelli
Family member



"Welcome home, drive safe. Maintain safety on block leave."

Spc. Neal Friesen
Co. E, 3/69 Armor

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IA, CF offer medical assistance to hundreds

1st Lt. Travis Hayes
4th BCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE ISKAN, Iraq - More than 200 adults and 80 children received medical care during a combined medical engagement at the Al Herea School in Farisiyah June 21.

Eight Iraqi medics from 33rd Brigade, 8th Iraqi Army Division, and surgeons and medics from 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, hosted the CME for residents of Farisiyah and Jurf as Sahkr.

"It always puts a smile on my face to see people in need receive proper care," said Staff Sgt. Luke Henry, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3/7th Inf. Regt.

"I believe these combined medical engage-

ments are what we need to keep doing because it's these children that we treat who will remember us when they're older and in a position to make decisions." In addition to the medical care, the Iraqi medics provided preventive medical classes to those who attended the CME. The Iraqi medics conducted classes on the importance of washing hands, boiling water and personal hygiene.

Mohammed, an Iraqi medic, explained how boiling water would kill germs, making it healthier for them to drink. After the class, those who needed medical care were able to see a doctor.

Members of the civil affairs team from FOB Iskan also handed out Beanie Babies to children and distributed more than 500 humanitarian aid packages to families during the CME.

ERU, CF arrest 5 during air assault

4th BCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KALSU, Iraq - Members of the Mahawil Emergency Response Unit and Coalition forces conducted an air and ground assaults resulting in the arrest of five individuals, including one high value individual near Mahawil, June 23.

Approximately 35 members of the ERU and 100 Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment assaulted four different objectives to disrupt a weapons trafficking cell in the Mahawil area.

Members of the ERU led the operation, called Operation Yorktown, and Coalition forces secured the outer cordon.

"What we do is put them up front because we prefer for the Iraqi people to see their secu-

rity forces," said Capt. Patrick Clancey, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2/502nd Inf. Regt. "During any search of any premises, we're on hand to ensure that it is being done correctly. We will continue in the future to cooperate with the Iraqi Security Forces with the goal of transitioning the security responsibility of Iraq."

The individuals arrested are accused of trafficking weapons, participating in al-Qaeda in Iraq activities, conducting rocket attacks and murdering a Mahawil policeman.


"Even though the cell is located in Mahawil, they were trafficking weapons to Shia extremist groups and Sunni extremist groups, so their reach was much further...They were supplying weapons to extremists as far north as Baghdad," Clancey said.

Maintenance recovery team retrieves MRAP



Courtesy photo

Soldiers from the Maintenance Recovery Team with 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, recover a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle that was bogged down on a remote road south of Jurf as Sahkr, Iraq, during Operation Avalanche, June 12. During Operation Avalanche, an air assault mission to capture extremists in the area resulted in four individuals being detained.



Ft. Stewart/Hunter Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Celebrate the 4th of July @ Marne Lanes
4 July; 3-9pm
Marne Lanes Bowling Center
Come celebrate the 4th of July and bowl for \$1.75 per person!
For more info call 767-4866.

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5 July; 10pm
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Watch World Light Heavyweight Championship "JACKSON vs. GRIFFIN" LIVE on Pay-Per-View. Open to Military ID cardholders age 18 & up. No Charge. For more info call 767-8715 or 368-2212.

French Bastille Day Brunch
6 July; 10:30am- 1:30pm
Club Stewart
The menu will feature famous breakfast items, an omelet station, a crepe station, chicken coq au vin, an assortment of quiche, Provence style vegetables, stuffed French toast, croissants with jam, crème brulee, apple tarts, chocolate mousse, and more!
The cost is \$11.95 per person, children (age 5-10) half price, (under 5) free. Bring a church bulletin and receive \$1.00 off! For more info call 368-2212.

French Bastille Day Kids Cooking Class
6 July; 3-5pm
Club Stewart
Kid's ages 5-12 are invited to join the Club Stewart staff for an afternoon of games, crafts, & treats! Participation is limited to the first 50 children who sign up so make your reservation today. The cost is \$5 per child. For more info call 368-2212.

GSU College Tour
7-10 July
FS Youth Center
Middle School & High School students will have the opportunity to explore what college life is like and learn about future career opportunities on this informative overnight trip to Georgia Southern University in Statesboro! Free. Space is limited so make your reservation today! For more info call 767-4491.

Daytona Beach Trip
11-13 July
FS Leisure Activities Center
Enjoy a fun 2 night/3 day stay at the luxurious comfort Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach, FL! Amenities include fitness center, steam room, Jacuzzi, Olympic size pool, Family recreation activities, and 5 different restaurants. Cost is \$325 per room (up to 4 people) includes bus trip. Limited Space. For more info call 767-2841(FS)/ 315-3674 (HAAF).

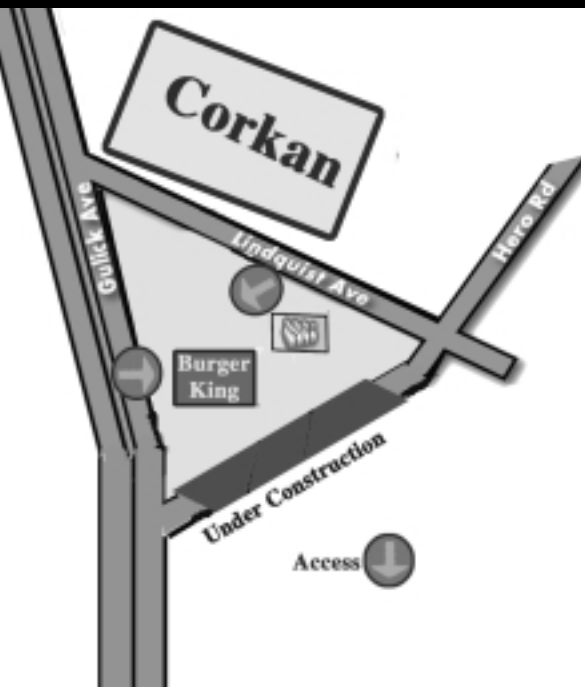


Burger King reopens

Kelly Minton

Fort Stewart Garrison Commander, Col. Todd Buchs assist 3rd Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, and AAFES General Manager Tina Lovitt at the Grand Opening of Burger King on Fort Stewart, June 30.

Due to road construction, access to the new business is from Gulick Road, just north of the Hero Road intersection, and from Lindquist Road next to Corkan Recreation Area's Stewart Lanes.



Graphic by Pat Young

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“I know everybody’s excited today,” Shoop said. “We know what we’ve got to do; we’ve been doing this a lot. Stick with it. You guys know the dangers. Stay professional with it. We’re too dang close to have something stupid happen.”

Several Soldiers shouted cheerfully as they headed toward their vehicles to don their armor. They performed this routine for a little over a year now. This, however, was the last scheduled mission of their deployment.

The BSD’s convoy rolled out of the gate around 9 a.m. and headed north. Shoop rode in the passenger seat of the lead vehicle. The driver, Sgt. Luisa Grant, from Los Angeles, navigated the highway and checkpoints deftly, at times crossing the median to avoid heavy traffic or passing through narrow checkpoints within arm’s reach of other vehicles, barely slowing.

“I’m a very thoughtful driver when I drive at home,” she said later. She showed confidence behind the wheel of her vehicle, “Lucy.” A small plastic hula dancer sat on the dash next to the radio. The only other personal touch was a photo of her baby son. Grant remained calm even as other vehicles got too close and the gunner trained his crew-served weapon. Despite her manner, Grant knew that her job could be dangerous.

“I always worry about it when I go out on the road, but I try not to worry about it too much,” she said.

At an intersection, the convoy headed south for several blocks in heavy traffic before turning into the entrance of FOB Mahmudiyah. Some of the passengers walked off to a meeting; others helped the Soldiers unload the cargo from the truck. Their work completed for the time, the Soldiers

waited by their vehicles until it was time to return.

Sgt. Stephen Brown said his fellow Soldiers made the times here bearable.

“The best thing is definitely the people I get to hang out with,” he said. “They’re the ones that help keep you sane when you’re having a really crappy day. They let you de-stress and calm down.”

Brown, like most of the Soldiers on the BSD, has deployed before. On his previous tour, during Operation Iraqi Freedom III, he served with the Signal Corps.

Specialist Sean Shoephoester, also an OIF III veteran, said he felt lucky to serve with experienced Soldiers.

“We all know what to do. We’ve all been outside the wire,” he said. His most interesting day with the BSD was when their convoy nearly ran into an improvised explosive device.

“We were ... on the way back to (FOB) Kalsu, and (an explosive ordnance disposal team) was called in to destroy an IED. I was in the fourth truck..... It was like, six or seven o’clock at night. When (EOD) got there, they couldn’t find it with their robot. So they got side-by-side, hands linked, walking down the road until they walked up on the IED,” he says. The convoy waited four nervous hours for the team to clear the road before they could return to FOB Kalsu.

“We’ve had a lot of close calls,” he added, noting that the team had no casualties during the past year.

“We always say that we have guardian angels flying along with us,” Grant said. “I keep thinking to myself, if I can go back home, and be like, ‘I made it through three tours and did not get one casualty,’ I’ll be happy.”



Sgt. David Turner

Sergeant Harvey Johnson, a gunner with the 2-3 Brigade Troops Battalion security detachment, 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., suits up for his last mission of Operation Iraqi Freedom V at FOB Kalsu, June 16. Johnson said he noted every mission and where he went on his calendar during the past year. “Every day we come back alive is a good day,” he said.



Pvt. Jared Eastman

Lt. Col. Harlon Triplett looks on as 3rd Inf. Div. Commander, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch places the division stole on the new Division Chaplain, Lt. Col. Bryan Walker June 24 at the Main Post Chapel.

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“I believe that we’ve got massive power. As the United States of America, we are almost unbeatable as an Army, but without God’s help we’re nothing,” said 3rd Infantry Division Commander Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch on the occasion of the event.

Triplett, who was deployed for 15 months in Iraq with the 3rd Inf. Div. noted that the Stole gets heavier with every fallen Soldier, every crisis and every joyless mission.

“I thank God for the strength he gave me as a

Division Chaplain,” he said.

Triplett’s new assignment will be at Fort Leavenworth as the senior Unit Ministry Team Trainer.

“A ministry during times of transition, transformation and persistent conflict, which we’re in now, requires more than unit ministry teams, but what it really requires is a unit ministry community,” Walker said.

Prior to this assignment, Walker was the personnel actions officer for the Army Chief of Chaplain’s.

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“We provide the classroom space, and they provide the instructors,” King explained. “GED and ESL classes are free though there is a \$35 registration fee, which is waived for spouses of deployed Soldiers.”

Because no extra funds come to the Ed Center from the Covenant, King said her office tries to leverage as much as possible from participating colleges, state and federal programs. One program called HOPE is funded through the state of Georgia. Soldiers and their spouses qualifying for this program can take GED, ESL and college classes free, books included.

She said most ESL students tend to be foreign born spouses, and that their number has increased with the longer deployments. Prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom, when Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Soldiers deployed for training exercises, their foreign born spouses would just stay home rather than attempt to cross the language barrier to renew a post registration for the Family car or enroll their children in day care programs. The longer deployments made it necessary for them to improve their understanding of English, which, she added, is a good thing for the spouse and the community.

Instructor Faith Pitts said her intermediate ESL students came from numerous cultures – Dominican Republic, Colombia, Korea and even Russia. Despite their diversity, they responded to Pitts’ instruction with appropriate questions. English, after all, is not an easy language to learn, not only for its extensive vocabulary but also because our words often have multiple meanings.

Pitts said the next registration for beginner and intermediate ESL classes will take place August 4-7 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration takes about an hour, she said because students are tested to determine class placement. Beginner classes will be held at the Ed Center, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, while Intermediate classes will be

Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon.

FAST classes help Soldiers improve the same basic skills as the GED, only the goal is not a high school equivalency diploma but to improve their General Technical score. To qualify for certain schools or Military Occupational

Specialty, Soldiers must have a GT score of 110 or higher. Soldiers wanting to improve their math and verbal skills and thereby raise their GT score should contact their unit education officer or come by the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. For more information, call 767-2866.



Randy Murray

Instructor Carrol Ann Coleman helps a Soldier by answering his question on a math problem. Functional Academic Skills Training – FAST – classes are offered at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center to help Soldiers improve their verbal and math skills, so they can improve their General Technical score. GT scores of 110 or higher are required to qualify Soldiers for specials schools and some military occupational specialties.

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Competition declares ‘best of the best’



Jimmy McSalters

Sgt. Kevin Miller, an MP based out of Fort Benning, Ga., finds one point during the Day Land Navigation task of the IMCOM-SE Region Soldier-NCO of the Year competition held at Fort Stewart's NCO Academy, June 24.



Sgt. Tanya Polk

Pvt. Jarred Palmer and Sgt. Kevin Miller, both military policemen based out of Fort Benning, Ga., won this year's IMCOM-SE Region Soldier-NCO of the Year competition held at Fort Stewart, June 23-26. Palmer and Miller advance to the IMCOM-level competition scheduled to be held at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. later this month.



Sgt. Tanya Polk

Spc. Hilda Volzgen, HHC, USAG, performs the 3-to-5 second rush during the Warrior Tasks and Drills portion of the IMCOM-SE Region Soldier-NCO of the Year competition held at Fort Stewart's NCO Academy, June 24.

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This was the first time Fort Stewart hosted such an event.

“Fort Stewart brings the full package,” said IMCOM-SE Command Sgt. Maj. Harold Gill, noting that the installation's currently hot and humid climate and swamp-like terrain provides the Soldiers the true meaning of competition. “(This competition) identifies our best and our brightest Warriors out there to compete against each other.”

Competing against Palmer and Miller was Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield's representatives Spc. Hilda Volzgen and Sgt. Darcella Marshall, both Soldiers with the U.S. Army Garrison's Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

Striving to be the ‘best of the best,’ all four Soldiers attempted to claim the Southeast Region title through the

Army Physical Fitness Test, a written essay, hands on warrior tasks, M4/M16 rifle qualification, day and night land navigation, a 12-mile foot march and a mystery event.

Palmer, a military policeman, graduated high school this time last year, and said winning the Soldier of the Year competition is a big accomplishment.

“I always wanted to join the Army,” he said. “I never really understood how much opportunity the Army offers you until now.”

Opportunity for Palmer now includes promotion points, of course, advancing to the next competition level. He said his toughest challenge was the board appearance.

Seven sergeants major from around the Southeast region, to include board president, Command Sgt. Maj. Russell Saddler; Fort Stewart Directorate of Emergency

Services Sgt. Maj. Max Brown; Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. David Sampleton; Command Sgt. Maj. Arthur Washington, Fort Gordon garrison command sergeant major; Fort Jackson Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Lewis Kellam; Fort Bragg Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Robin Sheehan and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenny Leonguerrero, Fort McPherson garrison command sergeant major.

The 19-year-old Oregon City, Ore. native said working with his mentor -and region NCO winner- Miller helped him to overcome the board challenge.

Although Miller set aside time to help his Soldier, he said the competition was no cake walk for him either.

“I'm glad that it's over with,” the 23-year-old Watertown, Wisc. native said. “It was a very rough competition. By far the toughest challenge was the 12-mile ruck march. It's already hard (to ruck) 12 miles, but this Fort Stewart heat just adds another level to it. I believe its 40 percent strength and 60 percent mental. You just have to keep telling yourself to ‘keep moving on’ and eventually you're going to make it to the finish line.”

Finishing first for the foot march, more than an hour ahead of everyone, Miller also outshined his competition in several other areas. He received 289 points out of 300 on the Army Physical Fitness Test, shot 34 of 40 at the range, excelled in the Day Land Navigation and received all possible points for the Night Land Navigation. Additionally, Miller almost doubled competitor Marshall's overall points with a score of 446 out of 560.

“I accomplished something I never imagined I could accomplish,” Miller said, adding that winning this competition brought on a newfound sense of pride. “I'm going to keep training, though. I have some more things to learn like everybody else.”

Miller advised future competitors to be in great physical shape and to train hard.

“You can't know everything, but study the best you can,” he said.

Marshall and Volzgen will serve as alternates for the IMCOM-level competition.

“They are indeed the best of the best,” said Saddler after he and Stewart-Hunter Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Durr honored the winners. “They have endured the physical and mental demands of this competition and never once not given it their all. They are worthy of all the praise and recognition for a job well done. This event will always be a memorable moment in their lives- one that will make them a better Soldier, a great leader.”

Next year's IMCOM-SE region Soldier-NCO of the Year competition is tentatively scheduled to be held at Fort Rucker, Ala.



Jimmy McSalters



Sgt. Tanya Polk

Above: Pvt. Jarred Palmer, MP based out of Fort Benning, Ga., dons his protective mask in nine seconds (the standard) during the Chemical, Nuclear, Biological and Radiological portion of Warrior Tasks and Drills during the IMCOM-SE Region Soldier-NCO of the Year competition, July 24.

Left: Sgt. Darcella Marshall runs the beginning portion of the 12-mile foot march during the IMCOM-SE region Soldier-NCO of the Year competition, June 25.



Sgt. Tanya Polk

Pvt. Jarred Palmer, Sgt. Darcella Marshall, Spc. Hilda Volzgen and Sgt. Kevin Miller begin the two-mile run of the APFT during the IMCOM-SE Region Soldier-NCO of the Year competition at Fort Stewart's NCO Academy, June 24.



Randy Murray

Soldiers from the 2nd BCT “torch” party stand tall as they prepare to honor the playing of the National Anthem just after they arrived home to Fort Stewart’s Cottrell Field, June 26, while a slide show depicting their tour in Iraq plays in the background on a Jumbotron monitor.

2nd BCT continues homeward trek

Randy Murray
Public Affairs Specialist

After nearly 15 months in Arab Jabour, southeast of Baghdad, 244 members of the 2nd BCT “torch” (advance) party marched onto Fort Stewart’s Cottrell Field, June 26.

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 30 Infantry Regiment and 26th Brigade Support Battalion were welcomed home by hundreds of friends and Family members waving signs, banners and American flags as they screamed, whistled and called out to loved ones by name.

Among those greeting them was one of their own, Staff Sgt. Bruce Knowles, 1/30 Inf., and his wife Ruby. Knowles cheered with the best of the crowd, despite the neck brace restricting his movements. In March, he was evacuated from Iraq due to serious neck injuries, returning home three months ahead of his comrades. Even though he’s undergone a “discectomy and fusion,” Knowles said he’s ready now to get back to work. Knowles has no intention of letting his neck injuries end his military career. He and his wife are looking forward to a new assignment at Fort Sill, Okla.

“We lost a lot of good people over there,” Knowles said, staring blindly across the field through the heat wave that blurred the huge Marne Division patch. After a moment, he smiled and looked up, “Today, I just wanted to welcome my friends back home.”

The faces of the wives, husbands, mothers, fathers and especially children read very much like Knowles’, one moment reflecting harsh memories in their expressions, the next rejoicing in the day’s homecoming. Caitlin Nadeau, 3, held a large sign welcoming home her neighbor, Sgt. Geoffrey Walters. Walters’ wife, Cari, said she appreciated the support she got from her neighbors, the Nadeaus, who

came with her to welcome her husband home. Staff Sgt. Micheal Nadeau said he wanted to be there, that she was there supporting his wife and children when he returned home a few months ago.

As the formation of Soldiers marched together from opposite sides of the Marne patch, the crowds began to cheer like never before. The unit halted a good distance from the reviewing stands as all present were asked to honor the national anthem. Lt. Col. Robert Reynolds, 3rd Infantry Division deputy chief of staff greeted the returning Soldiers, congratulating them on their successful mission in Iraq and thanking them for their service to this country. Following the singing of the Army and Marne songs, friends and Family were invited to welcome them home officially, which led to two human stampedes rushing toward each other, one from the stands, the other from the field. As individuals collided, emotions that had been stored away for well over a year manifest themselves as hugs, tears and kisses.

Sgt. Denver Kinard was greeted with expected passion by his fiancée Jessica Watson. Husbands and wives fell into each other’s arms as children reached upward, eagerly awaiting that warm embrace from mama or daddy.

Proud fathers lifted babies high in the air, silhouetting them against the bright blue sky. Parents posed for pictures with their Soldiers and daughters, all glad to be together again after so long a separation.

The torch party’s return marked the start of 2nd Brigades redeployment. As of July 2, more than a third of 2nd BCT Soldiers have returned. The brigade will continue to return during the next several weeks until the entire brigade is home again.



Randy Murray

Jessica Watson greets her fiancée, Sgt. Denver Kinard, with the passion expected after a nearly 15-month separation. Kinard returned home June 26 with 243 other Soldiers with the 2nd BCT “torch” party.



Randy Murray

Above: Hundreds of Families and well wishers await the return of the 2nd Brigade Torch Party June 26 at Cottrell Field.

Below: Aedan Duplantis, 5, waves three American flags as though signaling a “touch-down.” Aedan’s younger brother, Koen, 4, stands behind him waving two flags while mom, Megan Ellender, looks for a photo opportunity of her husband, Spc. Gregory Ellender’s return, June 26 at Cottrell Field.



Courtney Richmond

Jeannie Richard, a Hinesville citizen, is on-hand at most 3rd Infantry Division Welcome home ceremonies to salute the troops for their service.

Fort Stewart begins new Spanish AFTB classes

Kara Casto
Army Community Services

Army Family Team Building continues its focus on Family readiness by developing new and innovative programs at Fort Stewart. The first AFTB class in Spanish at Fort Stewart, “Conozca la Fuerza Armada,” or “Meet the Army,” was taught



Betty Lynn Snelling and Jessica Campos (standing) play Resource Monopoly as part of their annual training class while AFTB volunteers Jo Kramer and Marcia Steele explain the rules of the game.

at the Army Community Service Family Readiness Center, June 26-27. Students learned Army basics such as the chain of command, financial readiness tools, rank and acronyms, and supporting your child’s education while in the military.

Kate Bobo, AFTB Volunteer Program Manager is passionate about the new classes.

“Our Family members speak a variety of languages. While it is important for them to hone their English skills, it is equally important to ensure that they receive the tools and information that they need to succeed in military life. Offering our program in additional languages allows us to reach a broader audience. It also allows Family members to attend the training in an environment that is comfortable for them and conducive to learning,” she said.

Training materials are also available in Korean and German. Anyone who speaks those languages or Spanish, who would like to teach AFTB classes is encouraged to contact ACS. Comprehensive instructor training is provided several times per year.

“Our objective is to reach as many Army Family members as we can and to provide them with information that will help enrich their Army experience. Family readiness affects Soldier readiness in a big way, and AFTB classes are a great start to achieving that goal Army-wide.”

“The Dogface Soldier for Families” class is a unique offering from the Stewart AFTB pro-

gram. Bobo developed and wrote the class to introduce new Family members to the culture and history of Fort Stewart and the 3rd Infantry Division.

“The Dogface Soldier class has been well-received by our installation Families. We teach them about the origin of our mascot Rocky, the Dogface Soldier song, as well as our local history. One of the highlights is the ballroom rendition of the Dogface Soldier song. It always generates a lot of interest,” she said.

The class is held from 10-11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the Fort Stewart museum, and ends with a tour conducted by museum staff.

Another initiative at Stewart is called AFTeenB, which is scheduled for July 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stewart Youth Center. Students age 8-18 may attend. Each course module is short, fast-paced and interactive with games and activities to help students retain the information, according to Bobo.

“One thing I had noticed with my child’s friends is that many didn’t know their sponsor’s rank, unit, or they didn’t understand many of the commonly used acronyms used by the Army. Our team decided to write a program geared to youth in order to give them a better understanding of their Army life,” she said.

AFTB classes are taught on a rotating schedule, but instructors will conduct training at other times, as well.

“We have taught our classes for units, Family Readiness Groups, and Department of the Army civilians,” Bobo said. “We are always happy to deliver training anywhere on post and enjoy getting out into the community.”

For more information about AFTB or AFTeenB classes, contact ACS, 767-5058.

Hunter Youth Ministry helps children unwind

Kaytrina Curtis
Hunter Public Affairs

School is out and summer is here but some school-age students on Hunter Army Airfield did not take a break from learning. Instead, 65 children attended a week-long Vacation Bible School, June 23-27 at the post’s main chapel.

During times of deployments and redeployments, children had the chance to take their minds off one or more of their parent’s absence and took the opportunity to kick back and enjoy fun in the sun. The goal of the week’s activities was to reach out to the parents and children in the community.

Chaplain (Capt.) Timothy Crawley, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, said the vacation bible school is almost a legacy. His mission is to teach the students about God.

“There is a God who loves them,” he said. “One of the key ways that God loves them is through those around them.”

Each morning, volunteers and students, opened with singing and dancing to Bible-based music, songs and prayer.

Teenagers, Family members and Soldiers volunteered and taught classes such as arts and crafts, outdoor recreation, Bible study, and biblical sign language. The children are not

the only recipients of the reward that volunteering can bring. Pvt. 1st Class Travis Franke, United States Army garrison, Rigger Platoon, who was in charge of the outdoor action, stated that even with the high temperatures, nothing could be better than volunteering to help other Soldier’s Families.

“The Army has several opportunities to volunteer all over post,” Franke said. “Just a little bit of time out of your day could help out your buddy’s Families who are overseas. Just that little bit of extra time on your part could do a lot.”

Hunter Youth Ministries Coordinator, Charles Archer, said he teaches the youths lessons in morals, respect and ethics. “It gives me a feeling of accomplishment and joy to see the kids grow and understand the Word of God and to also understand how to respect each other in their community,” said Archer.

Although Vacation Bible School is held only once a year, there are other activities offered throughout the year, such as Children’s Church, youth ministries activities, such as bowling, movies and outings around the city of Savannah.

For more information on Youth Ministries and the planned activities, contact Charles Archer at 315-5934.



Students burn off energy during Vacation Bible School’s outdoor recreation activities on Hunter Army Airfield, June 26.

DPW advises: Dispose of documents using proper procedures

Randy Powell-Jones
Directorate of Public Works

Three dumpsters with smoldering ashes caught garbage on fire while being transported within the trash truck. Thankfully, observant equipment operators noticed that the garbage that they were taking to the landfill was on fire. Quick thinking by three sharp drivers, coupled with a quick response by the military police and the fire department saved the day. Actually, they saved the day three different times. After an investigation, it was found that the three fires resulted when Soldiers who returned from Iraq disposed of nonclassified

documents the same way they did when deployed to Iraq. While in Iraq, Soldiers routinely burn nonclassified documents in burn barrels and then dispose of the ashes. No problem there; big problem here!

There are classified and nonclassified documents, classified documents are managed and destroyed by your brigade S2. The Installation and Division Security Office can also help you with your classified material management and destruction requirements. If you have any questions regarding classified documents call the Installation Security Manager, Pamela Head at 767-8282. Her email address is on the global and is pamela.head@us.army.mil. For

more information read Army Regulation 380-5, “Department of the Army Information Security Program.”

Recycling can solve these problems. Nonclassified documents can be recycled. Just deposit them in the blue dumpsters.

If you feel that the nonclassified documents should be destroyed, but you are unable to do so because of a large quantity involved, an industrial shredder is available at the DPW recycling processing station.

This machine can shred quickly and easily and at the same time you can do your part to recycle. As a matter of fact, if you want, you can schedule to watch your nonclassified doc-

uments being shredded. Just Call Dave Strempe at 767-5729. If you have a large quantity to be shredded, Strempe will arrange to have the papers you want to shred picked up. The Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1-.02(5) prohibits open burning for that very reason. Consequently, there are no exemptions for using burn barrels. In fact, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division previously issued Notice of Violations to Fort Benning and Fort Gordon as a result of open burning and using burn barrels to destroy documents. So breathe easy, be healthy and remember to do the right thing, recycle.

\$2,500 Reward

A reward of \$2,500 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for vandalizing and setting fire to construction equipment and a wood pile at the construction site located adjacent to New Guinea Road, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314. This incident occurred between 5 p.m., May 8 and midnight, May 9. Anyone having knowledge of the incident, but not wishing to be identified, will be briefed on available options in maintaining their confidentiality. The payout of cash rewards to military and federal employees for information leading to a conviction is contingent upon their exceptional actions regarding the information provided. Those with information are encouraged to call the CID office at 767-5030, Special Agent Nicole Noble, or the military police desk, at 767-4895. The reward offer expires June 9, 2009. (0142-08-CID093-40471)

Reward \$1,500

A reward of \$1,500 is being offered for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the larceny of six Dell Latitude, D830, government laptop computers and a first generation XBOX gaming console. The larceny occurred between March 4 and April 15 at (Company F, 26th Brigade Support Battalion) building 508, on Fort Stewart near the Victory Shoppette. Anyone with information concerning this matter are encouraged to call the CID office at 767-5030, stewartCID@stewart.army.mil, or the Military Police Desk at 767-4895. Anyone having knowledge of the incident but not wishing to be identified will be briefed on available options in maintaining their confidentiality. The payout of cash rewards to military and federal employees for information leading to a conviction is contingent upon exceptional actions regarding the information provided. (0119-08-CID093-40459) The reward offer expires June 6, 2009.



Graphic by Sherron Walker

Pat Young

Twelve retirees and their spouses were honored for their service at Fort Stewart's Club Stewart, June 26.

Retirees collectively serve more than 240 years

Randy Berube
Public Affairs Specialist

Fort Stewart- Hunter Army Airfield held a retirement ceremony at Club Stewart June 26 to honor 12 Soldiers who collectively served more than 240 years of service to our country.

The ceremony recognized each of the retirees who had joined for various reasons but shared the pride of service. Not all knew when they enlisted that they would make a career of the military, and many had mixed emotions as they wore the uniform for the last time.

Maj.Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of the 3rd

Infantry Division, spoke about the Dog-Faced Soldiers, many whom had served in combat, setting an example for young Soldiers.

"Their service would help secure our freedom for their children and grandchildren," said Lynch.

Lynch concluded by wishing the retirees Godspeed and much happiness as they leave the the military service. Each retiree received a retirement flag and appropriate awards.

Retirees participating in the ceremony included:

Lt. Col. Ellen Birch, Special Troops Battalion, 21 years

Sgt. Maj. Oliver Lucas, 1/188th Brigade, 22 years

Master Sgt. James Greiner, 385th Military Police, 26 years

Master Sgt. John Adams, 1st Brigade, 25 years

Master Sgt. Timothy Blair, United States Army Garrison, 23 years

Sgt. 1st Class Harry Zane, Warrior Transition Battalion, 25 years

Sgt. 1st. Class Amin Noormohamed, 385th Military Police, 22 Years

Sgt. 1st. Class Joseph Horvath, 1st Brigade, 22 years

Sgt. 1st. Class Timothy Hilburn, 3/69 Armor, 20 years

Staff Sgt. Bobby Sharp, 1st Brigade, 20 years

Staff Sgt. Clinton Buckley, 293rd Military Police Battalion, 20 years

Staff Sgt. Ronald Edwards, 1/3rd Brigade Troops Battalion, 20 years

Civil Air Patrol learns leadership through encampment

Kaytrina Curtis
Hunter Public Affairs

Disasters like Hurricane Katrina, Rita and Andrew can bring much stress and anxiety to many. The loss of life, property damage and constant worry can send some into a tail-spin. During such disasters, help is often times needed for a speedy recovery. Cadets from the Civil Air Patrol are learning how to offer help in times of crisis.

The 56,000 member CAP is a non-profit official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and its main goal is to build strong citizens for the future by providing leadership training, technical education, scholarships and career education.

More than 190 Georgia Wing Civil Air Patrol cadets from squadrons located throughout the state converged onto Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield for their week-long annual encampment, June 20-28. The required encampment was an opportu-

nity for the 12-21 year-olds to learn disciplines in leadership, aerospace education, moral leadership and physical training. Along with the classroom time, cadets got orientation rides on Blackhawk and Apache helicopter simulators.

All of the cadets got orientation rides in small CAP, single engine aircraft. Many of the CAPs 22,000 cadets have flown on C-130 Hercules, C-17 Globemasters III, KC 135 Stratotankers and CH-47 Chinooks. First time flyer Joshua Barber, a cadet airman from Jackson, Ga., said he enjoyed the realistic feel of the Blackhawk simulator.

"It's kind of real," he said. "You get to move around like you're actually flying."

For some of the cadets, the encampment was the first time they were away from home and though a few found it challenging, most found it a rewarding experience. Adult supervision of the cadets is the responsibility of the senior members who also serve as mentors in the CAP.

"This week they will learn discipline," said Brad Prater, a senior CAP member serving in Rome, Ga. "For some this is their first trip away from home for seven to eight days. It's going to be a beginning to what we believe is early adult training."

The encampment was set up to replicate a training brigade. In preparation to learn how to be a cadet in the CAP, members start the day around 5 a.m. for physical training, similar to what they would experience going through basic training in the military. The scheduled training lasts throughout the day until 9 to 10 p.m. Cadets who want to progress in rank, must be tested at each level of responsibility.

"If they (cadets) decide to join the Air Force....and have promoted themselves up through the ranks to second lieutenant, then they can come into the Air Force as an E-3 on active duty," said CAP Lt. Col. William Higgins, Augusta Composite.

One of the many responsibilities of the

CAP is search and rescue.

"If any aircraft goes down in the United States, CAP is contacted," said Prater. "The wing squadron will send out search and rescue teams to help locate the wreckage."

Eighteen-year-old CAP Airman 1st Class Danielle Grenevitch joined the CAP through the encouragement of her brother, Paul, who is also a cadet. Danielle said the encampment will give her a better opportunity to understand some of the struggles Soldiers may have.

"It just feels amazing to know what they go through and to be able to say 'thank you,'" she said. "When we are called, we are there on the spot doing missions."

With disasters an eminent threat, Prater said the need for volunteers is necessary. For more information on the CAP and its activities, visit their Web site www.cap.gov.

Education Matters

- Directorate of Human Resources

New e-mail address provided for counselors
Need to reach your Fort Stewart-Hunter Army education counselors? Just e-mail: stewcounselor@conus.army.mil.

Take GED enrichment courses
General Educational Development diploma and adult education classes are offered in partnership with the Savannah Technical College Adult Education Program-Liberty County and the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. The courses prepare you to take the GED exam or refresh your skills.
The courses are free of charge. Courses are on a space available basis and the class schedule is subject to change quarterly. The choices for this quarter are 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday; 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday; or 6 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday. For detailed instructions, call 368-7322 or e-mail ccoleman@savannahtech.edu.

Free and discounted courses for spouses
Columbia College Spouse's opportunity Scholarship provides spouse of military personnel a tuition waiver for the initial classroom ("in seat") course at both the Stewart and Hunter education center sites.
The active duty spouse does not have to be taking classes with Columbia College. In addition, Columbia offers a 20 percent tuition discount for "in-seat" classes only, to spouses of active duty, guard and reserve military personnel.
For more information on this and other spouse opportunities Columbia College provides visit www.ccis.edu/military/spouses.asp. Then arrange to meet with an academic advisor by calling 877-3406 at Stewart or 352-8635 at Hunter.

College classes for Warriors offered
The Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith and Hunter Army Airfield education centers are supporting our Warriors in Transition by offering accelerated daytime college courses. The classes are being presented by Central Texas College and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Additional types of courses may be added in future terms as long as interest prevails.
To enroll, Warriors must sign up through the GoArmyEd portal online. Additional enrollment steps are required for ERAU. See your Soldier and Family Assistance Center education counselor, Bruce White, 767-3328 in building 12719, 777 East 10th Street-north, Fort Stewart or Fay Ward, education center counselor located in building 1290 at Hunter. Their hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also contact the counselors in building 100 at Stewart, 767-8331 for assistance.

Green-to-Gold briefing slated
The Green-to-Gold briefings are held at the installation education centers every month. On Stewart the briefings are 2 p.m., the first and third Thursday of each month. The Hunter briefings are 2 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday.

\$4,500 tuition available for Soldiers
All active duty members have \$4,500 per fiscal year for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits available from the Veteran's Administration. Details are available at 1:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, during a one-hour briefing at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center, room 223.

Troops-, Spouse-to-Teachers briefings slated
The Georgia Troops-to-Teachers Program provides federal funding to qualified servicemembers of up to \$10,000 for becoming public school teachers. Under the Spouse-to-Teachers Program, eligible military spouses may be reimbursed for the cost of state required certification tests up to a total of \$600.
Future meetings are scheduled for 11 a.m., July 23 and Aug. 20 at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center. For more information, visit online at www.ttiga.net and www.sttga.net or call 1-800-745-0709.

New College Degree Programs Announced
Both Central Texas College and Embry-Riddle

Aeronautical University (ERAU) have introduced new degree opportunities. CTC's Associate of Applied Science degree in Social Work Specialization prepares students for social and mental health services careers. Learn more at www.ctcd.edu/catalogs/2008_2009_CI/progs_of_study.pdf - page 87.
The Associate of Arts degree in Teaching includes the education courses typically offered in the first two years of an education degree. Choices are available for early childhood up to high school concentrations. The big bonus is that science lab classes will be held right in the education center at Stewart. www.ctcd.edu/catalogs/2008_2009_CI/aa_as_degrees.pdf; www.ctcd.edu/catalogs/2008_2009_CI/deg_cert_req.pdf. CTC's Associate of Applied Science degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management will prepare students for decision making and to implement and coordinate resources necessary for preparedness, response and recovery from disasters. Career positions in the field are excellent and offer above average starting salaries, or www.ctcd.edu/catalogs/2008_2009_CI/progs_of_study.pdf - page 99. For more information call Ft. Stewart's CTC office at 876-4045 or 315-4090 at Hunter.
ERAU's Associate of Arts degree in Aircraft Maintenance lets aircraft mechanics build on the skills and background they possess. This curriculum assists in preparing for the FAA's Airframe and Powerplant Maintenance Certificate exam. www.erau.edu/ec/academicorgs/eccoce/aircraft.html .
The Master of Science in Management candidates can choose from one of five areas of specializations to include aviation, logistics or general management. All MSM students gain practical business skills such as: quality management concepts; knowledge of ethical and regulatory requirements; and familiarity with formulating and managing budgets. www.erau.edu/ec/academicorgs/eccoce/msm.html. If interested, call 350-0644 at Hunter or 767-0339 at Stewart.

Take CLEP and DANTES exams
College Level Examination Program and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests are available on post. Call Columbia College at 877-3406 for more information and testing dates. The exams are free for military personnel. CLEP tests are \$85 and DSSTs are \$90 for non-military examinees.

ESL times have changed
Free English as a Second Language courses are offered in conjunction with Savannah Technical College Adult Education Program-Liberty County and the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center. Classes are for those wanting to improve their English skills.
Registration and placement testing is conducted Monday through Thursday at noon. The class schedule is subject to change quarterly. This quarter, beginning courses are offered 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday through Thursday.
Intermediate courses are offered 8 a.m. to noon, Monday and Wednesday, building 100, room 227.

Free college course offered
Columbia College Spouse's Opportunity Scholarship provides spouses of military personnel a tuition waiver for an initial classroom course with Columbia College at both the Stewart and Hunter education center sites. The active duty spouse does not have to take classes with Columbia College. This is a value of \$450, which is the cost of Columbia's three-credit hour classroom course.
For more information, call 877-3406 at Stewart or 352-8635 at Hunter for more information.

Savannah Tech registration location announced
For all Savannah Tech students in Liberty County and Fort Stewart, new student orientation is 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., July 7. Open registration for Savannah Tech College summer quarter is July 7 – 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.
Both sessions will be held at the Liberty Campus only, 100 Technology Drive in Hinesville (near Airport Road). The Fort Stewart Savannah Tech office in the education center, building 100, will be closed both days.
For more information, call Savannah Tech in Liberty County at 408-3024.

Food Service Worker - \$7.17 per hour
Bartender - \$8.70 per hour
Laborer- \$7.72 per hour
Recreation Assistant (Lifeguard) \$9.75 - \$10.25 per hour (Must possess nationally recognized Lifeguard, CPR, and First Aid Certifications), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, closing date: Aug. 29.
To search for these positions go to cpol.army.mil, click on Employment, click on Search for Jobs at the bottom of the page under Search-Announcement type in SCNAFDW% then click on "Get Announcement" or hit the enter key.
This will narrow your search to the Fort Stewart/Hunter NAF vacancies.
Instructions on how to apply are on each announcement. For federal employment opportunities, go to www.usajobs.opm.gov.
For further information on employment opportunities, contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Job Information Center at 767-5051.
Our office is located on the 2nd floor (room 2013A) of building 253, Soldier Support Center, 55 Pony Soldier Avenue. The hours of operations are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

College representatives visit Stewart-Hunter
The new Saint Leo College representative will meet with current or prospective students from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 8 at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R Smith Army Education Center. She will be at the Hunter Education Center on July 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
You may reach the SLU Staff Coordinator by e-mailing stephanie.stanfield@saintleo.edu or by calling 352-7794.
A representative from American Military University will be available from 1:30 to 4 p.m., July 15 at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center. He also will have a table at the Fort Stewart Education and Community Information Fair the next day on Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 16 at Club Stewart. For information, please contact Buddy Maertens at fmaertens@apus.edu or 803-865-9786.
A representative from the Grand Canyon University will visit Stewart from noon to 4 p.m. July 1, at Stewart, building 100. For more information, call Steve Santora 1-866-902-9532.

CES makes training available
The Civilian Education System provides the Army Civilian Corps self-development and institutional training (leader development) opportunities to develop leadership attributes through distance learning and resident training. If you are unfamiliar with CES, this link will take you to Army Management Staff College site for CES, or learn more online at www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil/ces.

CESC deadlines near
Civilian Education System Course application deadlines are steadily approaching. Transformation of the Army begins with educating the Army's leaders. The Civilian Education System is a progressive and sequential leader development program that provides enhanced leader development and education opportunities for Army civilians throughout their careers.
Army civilians will become multi-skilled leaders of the 21st Century who personify the warrior ethos in all aspects, from war-fighting support to statesmanship, to business management. Visit the AMSC at www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil for information on the Foundation, Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Continuing Education for Senior Leaders, Action Officer Development Course, Supervisor Development Course, Manager Development Course and Command Programs. Apply today.

Apply for the Georgia HOPE grant
The HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial needs to attend vocational/trade schools. The grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible.
If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center to speak with a counselor, or visit online at www.gsfc.org.

Graduation ceremony scheduled
Have you completed your college degree in 2007 or 2008? College graduates are invited to participate in the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield "All College Commencement," 7 p.m., July 24. It will be held at the Main Post Chapel, Fort Stewart, building 500. The graduation brochure will list all graduates or soon-to-be graduates if they are within six semester hours of completing requirements.
To have your name listed, we must hear from you! We request that any military, Family members, retirees, and civilian/contract employees attending on-post schools. Savannah Technical, Webster University, etc. should contact their college right away. For those attending off-post schools, please complete the electronic "candidate for graduation" form on the www.stewart.army.mil Web site under the services, education link.
Your submission will also allow us to list who will actually walk down the aisle in front of their Family and friends. Forms are also available at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Army Education Center.

Did you know?
• You don't have to be a U.S. Citizen to be employed by NAF.
• Hiring preference for eligible military spouses can be used multiple times for "flexible" status positions.
You do not lose eligibility until you are placed in a regular full or part-time position (NAF or Appropriated Funds).
• There is a hiring preference in NAF for involuntarily separated military members and their eligible Family members.
• Current NAF employees who have worked one continuous year in a position without time limits are eligible to be considered for Civil Service (GS/WG) jobs the same as APF employees who transfer to Army.
• Youth at least 16 years of age can be employed year round in certain NAF positions where conditions and duties meet all criteria of Federal and state child labor laws.
• NAF offers a Management Trainee Program that is targeted to annually hire up to 20 recent college graduates who have bachelor's degrees in certain MWR specialties. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and will be used to fill Management Trainee Program vacancies as necessary. Go to www.armymwr.biz and click on Programs for more information.



Looking for employment?
Opportunities for permanent employment are available in non-appropriated funds - Morale, Welfare, and Recreation jobs at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. The following are positions with frequent vacancies. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Child and Youth Program Assistant (entry skill, and target levels), \$10.39 to \$12.73 per hour
Recreation Aid - \$5.85 - \$7 per hour
Operations Assistant - \$5.85 to \$8 per hour
Cook - \$8.70 per hour
Hotel Desk Clerk - \$7 to \$7.50 per hour
Cashier - \$8 per hour
Custodial Worker - \$7.72 per hour
Waiter/Waitress (Trainee) - \$7.17 to \$8.17 per hour

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Military Family Life Consultants available

Free and confidential counseling is now available in your community. The assistance is every Friday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Ludowici at the Long County Senior Center, 15 Thornton Drive; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. each Friday in Pembroke at the Pembroke Senior Center, 24 W. Bacon Street; 1 to 3 p.m. each Thursday in Glennville at the Glennville Welcome Center, 136 S. Main Street; 1 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. each Monday in Richmond Hill at the Richmond Hill Public Library, Highway 144; and in Hinesville by appointment. For appointment information, call Military and Family Life Consultants at 230-8425.

Attention baseball fans

The Stewart-Hunter Leisure Travel offices are now selling tickets to all Atlanta Braves baseball games! Purchase your tickets today to see Georgia's very own professional baseball team! For more information, call 767-2841.

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Red Cross summer program kicks off

The American Red Cross Summer Youth Program runs now through July 21. The program is open to youth 14 to 17 years old who are interested in providing volunteer service to the community through the hospital and other Fort Stewart agencies. Applications can be picked up at the Red Cross Office in the Audie Murphy Soldier Support Center, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays. Call 767-5086, for more information.

Special Forces briefings held

Briefings are held noon, 2 and 5 p.m., every Wednesday at Special Forces recruiting office, building 160, Garry Owen St. or at Hunter Army Airfield every Tuesday, noon and 1 p.m. at the Hunter Education center, room 25. Physical Training tests are given 7 a.m. every Friday at Donavan Parade Field. Uniform is Army Combat Uniform and running shoes. For more information, call 767-1400.

PWOC hosts summer Bible study

Protestant Women of the Chapel invites all ladies to a summer session of Bible study, 10 a.m. to noon, each Wednesday, now through July 30 at Marne Chapel. For more information, please call 317-460-7096.

Behavioral Health hours change

The Fort Stewart Behavioral Health Clinic for active duty Soldiers new walk-in hours are 8 to 10:30 a.m., Monday thru Friday. The clinic is located at 1083 Worcester Ave., building 9242. For more information, call 767-1647 or 767-1654. Behavioral Health services for Family Members are available at either Value-Options TRICARE at 1-877-298-3514 or Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647. Retirees requesting service may call Value-Options TRICARE at 1-800-700-8646.

Mass school health screenings available

Children ages four and older entering Georgia's School system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed. Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic want to help you get a head start on preparing for the next school year. Winn's mass school health screening will be by

appointment only July 19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include hearing tests, vision tests, dental exams, immunizations administration and sports physicals.

Tuttle's mass school health screening will be by appointment only July 19, from 8 a.m. to noon and will include hearing tests, vision tests, dental exams and immunizations administration. The screenings are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment at Winn or Tuttle call, 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221. Please bring ID card and child's shot records.

Take advantage of Health Screening week

If you can't make it to the Mass School Health Screening in July: Children ages four and older entering Georgia's School system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed. Winn Army Community Hospital wants to help you get a head start on preparing for the next school year.

Dental screenings are available Monday to Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. on a walk-in basis at Dental Clinic 1, Fort Stewart. For more information, call 767-8513. Immunization screenings are available on a walk-in basis Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call Winn's Allergy and Immunization Clinic at 435-6633.

Please bring child's shot records. Eye and ear services are available by appointment only. To schedule an eye and ear screening, call the appointment line, 435-6633. Sport physicals are by appointment only in the Family Practice and Pediatrics Clinics. To schedule a sports physical, call 435-6633.

Prevent heat injury

As the hot days approach, The Department of Preventive Medicine monitors current WBGT/Heat Index to keep our Soldiers, Family members and civilian employees safe from heat injuries. For the current heat index please visit www.winn.amedd.army.mil/wetbulb.html. The WBGT/Heat Index number, 767-HEAT (767-4328) can also be used.

Get a free lunch

Dependent youth ages 18 and under are eligible to eat a free lunch from now until July 25 at on-post schools at the following locations: Bryan Village Youth Center, Southern Oaks Community Center, Diamond Elementary School, Corkan Family Recreation Center and Jordan Youth Gym. Lunch time is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 408-3088.

Watch Ultimate Fighting Championship 86

Military ID cardholders ages 18 and up are invited to Rocky's, Saturday at 10 p.m. to watch the Ultimate Fighting Championship 86 LIVE on Pay-Per-View! Watch the World Light Heavyweight Championship "JACKSON vs. GRIFFIN," free. For more information, call 767-8715 or 368-2212.

Army Community Covenant signing slated

Soldiers, Families, and local Communities are cordially invited to celebrate the great bond between Stewart-Hunter and the communities that surround it with a special covenant signing ceremony on July 11 at 11 a.m. in the

Main Post Chapel. A reception will follow ceremony at Club Stewart. For more information call 767-5126.

Take Taekwondo

Caro Fitness Center will offer free Taekwondo classes every Wednesday and Friday beginning July 9 from 6 to 7 p.m. All skill levels are invited to join but must be at least 17 years of age. Instruction is provided by a World Taekwondo Federation certified Black Belt. For more information or to register call 767-9336.

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PWOC classes, meetings slated

Classes are available for children, ages three and older, including adult Bible study and RCIA classes, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in the Religious Education building. Call Pam Perez at 315-5440 for more information. Protestant Women of the Chapel meets every Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. For more information, call Valarie Moore at 920-8519.

Hunter road closure announced

South Lightning Road will be closed from South Perimeter Road to Emmit Rifles Road 5 p.m. now through 5 p.m. Aug 30. Also, Emmit Rifles Rd. will be closed from South Lightning Rd to the entrance of the parking lot behind building 1324.

Subject road closure is necessary for the realignment of the South Lightning Road and Emmit Rifles Road intersection. Detour signs and traffic control devices will be displayed and posted for the closure duration. Motorists are encouraged to avoid this area to minimize traffic congestion and to be alert to changes in traffic patterns around this area. For more informatin, call Lewis Hazel at 315-5616.

Hunter changes gate hours

The Directorate of Emergency Services announced Hunter gate hours change, to include Rio Gate going to 24-hour operations, Wilson Gate from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Montgomery Gate remains open 24-hours.

Storage space available

Outdoor Recreation has storage space available for boats, RVs and trailers. For more information, call 315-9554.

Coastal Amputee Network meeting slated


The Coastal Amputee Network meets 6 to 8 p.m. at the Armstrong Center, room 124, located at 11935 Abercorn St., across from the Savannah Mall. This newly formed support and advocacy group. For more information call Ron Webber, 351-9342, or email at coastalamputeenetwork@comcast.net.

Tag Office extends hours for troops

The Chatham County Tag Office on Eisenhower Drive in Savannah is now open, 8 a.m. to noon, now through July 26 for redeploying Soldiers only.

Smart car care classes available

Visit Hunter Auto Crafts every Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. to learn basic do it yourself automotive techniques and safety tips. The class is free! For more information, call 315-6244.



Balfour Beatty Communities



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Neighborhood Huddles held

Be an active part of your community by attending your huddle and sharing ideas, issues or concerns with GMH. Help make your neighborhood a great place to live. The dates are today at Isenhower Terrace; July 10 at Isenhower Village; July 17 at Liiberty Woods; July 24 at Southern Oaks; and July 31 at Coastal Ridge. All huddles are 10:30-11 a.m. The locations at the ball field between Subic and Ramblon for Isenhower Terrace; the playground at corner of Hero and Liberty for Isenhower Village; the playground behind 161 Amberwood at Liberty Woods; Southern Oaks Community Center for Southern Oaks; and the playground on Forest and West 8th Street for Coastal Ridge.

Take your pet to Doggie Boot Camp

Bring your four legged friend out for an obedience training class that will whip them into shape. The event is 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., July 9 at Southern Oaks Community Center.

Have Coke float fun

Join us at the Southern Oaks Spray Park for a cool summer treat!
We'll be making good old fashioned coke floats 2 to 3:30 p.m., July 16 at Southern Oaks Community Center.

Enjoy the Reading Tent

Come crawl into our indoor tent with your favorite story, and we'll read it aloud 2 to 3 p.m., July 28 at Southern Oaks Community Center.

Hunter

Neighborhood Huddles held

Be an active part of your community by attending your huddle and sharing ideas, issues or concerns with Balfour Beatty Communities.

Help make your neighborhood a great place to live. The events are July 8 for Wilson Acres; July 18 for New Gannam; July 22 for New Callaway; and July 25 for New Savannah.

The events are all 10:30-11 a.m. The locations are the Leasing Office at Wilson Acres and New Gannam and New Savannah/New Callaway Community Center for their respective communities.

Enjoy Coke float fun

Join us at the Leasing Office Spray Park for a cool summer treat!
We'll be making good old fashioned coke floats 1 to 3 p.m. July 11 at the Balfour Beatty Communities Leasing Office.

Take your pet to Boot Camp

Bring your four-legged friend out for an obedience training class that will whip them into shape, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., July 15 at Balfour Beatty Communities Leasing Office.

Enjoy the Reading Tent

Come crawl into our indoor tent with your favorite story, and we'll read it aloud, 2 to 3 p.m., July 22 at the Balfour Beatty Communities Leasing Office.

Justice Served

Sgt. Monica Bagnato, Home Detachment, 26th BSB, 2nd BCT, convicted by Special Court-Martial; AWOL; Confined for 150 days, reduced to Private (E1), forfeiture of \$898 pay per month for 5 months, and a Bad-Conduct discharge.

Sgt. Vincent Galimore, HHC, 3/64 AR, 1 BCT, convicted by General Court-Martial; Desertion; Confined for 5 months, reduced to Private (E1), and a Bad-Conduct discharge.

Pfc. Juan Rodriguez, 92nd Chemical Company, STB, 3rd SB, convicted by General Court-Martial; False Official Statement, Sodomy, and Adultery; Confined for 4 months, reduced to Private (E1), and forfeiture of \$898 pay per month for 4 months.

Pfc. Timothy Reamer, Home Detachment, 3/7 CAV, 2nd BCT, convicted by Special Court-Martial; Desertion; Confined for 5 months, reduced to Private (E1), and forfeiture of \$898 pay per month for 5 months.

Staff Sgt. Pedrus Helgenberger, Headquarters, 2nd BCT, convicted by General Court-Martial; Rape; Confined for 20 years,

reduced to Private (E1), and a Dishonorable Discharge.

Spc. Anda France, Home Detachment, 703d BSB, 4th BCT, convicted by Summary Court-Martial; Desertion and Missing Movement; Confined for 30 days, reduced to Private (E1), and forfeiture of \$898.

MAG Court

Female, charged with driving under suspended license X 2; received \$500 fine; 12 months probation; \$50 S/A.

Female, charged with theft of government property; received \$300 fine; \$25 S/A.

Female, charged with DUI and open container received 12 months prob; 20 days conf; \$30 S/A.

Male, charged with driving under suspended license received 14 days confinement.

Male, charged with DUI and driving under suspended license received 48 hours conf; 12 months prob; \$25 S/A; 40 hours community service.

Sign-up for OCS

The next HQDA Officer Candidate School selection board will be conducted at AHRC, August 2008.

The Fort Stewart local OCS Board will be conducted, July 14, building 253, room 2065.

Packets must be turned in to the Mower Personnel Processing Center, building 208 by July 9.

For more information, call 767-8894.

Legal Notice

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Sgt. 1st Class Edeze Louis**, 24th Financial Management Company, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact 1st Lt. Bryan French, 24th Financial Management Company, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, at 912-767-5527.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Sgt. 1st Class Jason F. Dene**, Headquarters Company, 1/64 Armor Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact Capt. John Meixell, Rear-Detachment, 1/64 Armor Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, at 912-767-

7728.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Spc. Kyle P. Norris**, Company A, 3/7 Infantry, 4th BCT, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact 1st Lt. Kimberly Landry, HHC, 4/3 BTB, 4th BCT, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, at 912-767-7365.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Sgt. Steve Aaron McCoy**, Company A, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, 4th Brigade Combat Team, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31315, contact 2nd Lt. Gregory Hall, 4/64 Armor Battalion, Fort Stewart, GA. (330) 692-7867.

Check out **The Frontline**
online at www.stewart.army.mil